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1. VEB Vereinigte Spinnereien und Webereien VVB (Z) Webereien II, Kirschau, Kreis Bautzen, was formerly Pelz and Paul Textilges. m.b.H. It ceased operation at the end of hostilities in 1945, but resumed production, though on a smaller scale, in 1947 when the factory began to manufacture civilian clothing. In 1948 it was taken over by the Russians who changed the output to the manufacture of clothing for the Red Army and the Volkspolizei. Production was increased, and the plant became a VEB in 1949.
2. Production includes uniforms (jackets and trousers) and underclothes (shirts and shorts). The output per week since 1949 has been 4,000 to 5,000 jackets and pairs of trousers and 20,000 to 22,000 pieces of underclothing (shirts and shorts). These figures represent peak achievements; restriction of output is frequent because of poor material, breakdown of machinery and current (almost all the machines are power-driven). Breakdowns are always attributed to sabotage. The culprits are sought among the factory workers and are often found there.
3. Raw material (for uniforms and underclothes) is delivered by truck from VEB Spinnweberei Neusalza-Spremberg VVB (Z) Weberein II, which employs about 1,200 persons. Electric current is supplied by the Loebau power station.
4. Kern (fnu), a nominee of the Russians, has been the director of the Kirschau clothing factory since early 1948. There are about 1,600 men and women workers and an office staff of about 100 persons employed at the Kirschau plant. Work is performed in two shifts (day and night).
5. The factory is surrounded by a fence with no watch towers and is guarded, inside and at the entrance, by Werkschutz personnel in civilian clothes. A pass is required to enter the factory; an employee who has the habit of forgetting his pass is fined 5 Ostmark. A check is maintained at the entrance to stop employees leaving the factory with articles of clothing or material. Workers are occasionally subjected to Volkspolizei scrutiny when changing shifts.

Annex: Plan of Kirschau clothing factory.

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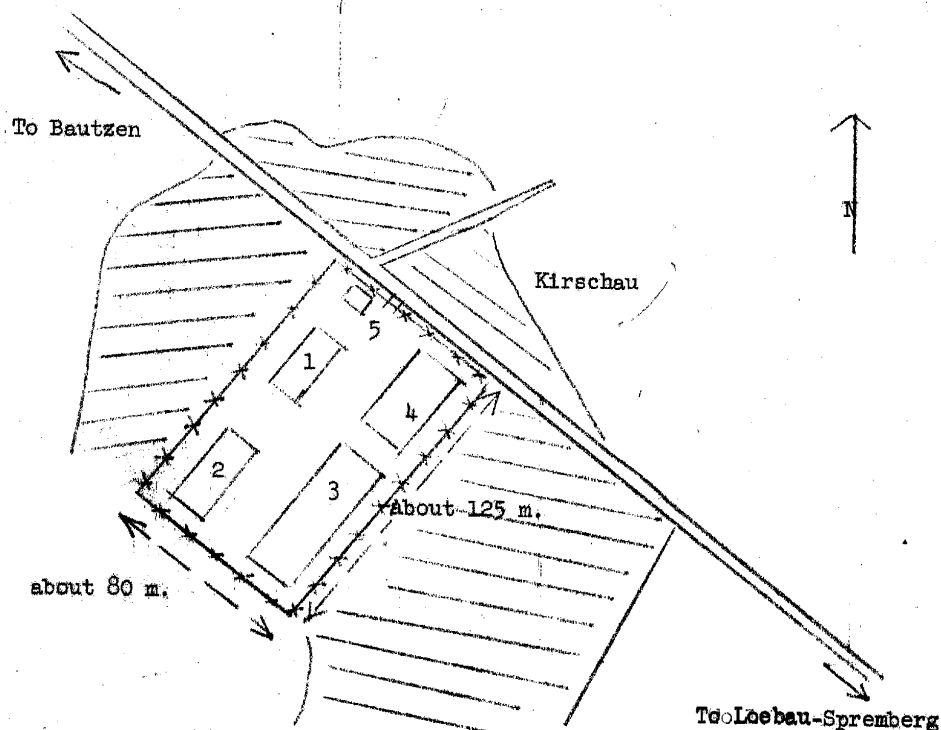
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Key to Sketch:

1. Masonry building with two rows of windows and a slate roof. The approximate dimensions of the building are 30 m. long and 15 m. wide. It is used as a storehouse for uniforms and underclothes.
2. Masonry building with 2 rows of windows and a slate roof. In it material is examined (by 60 to 70 employees) before being made into garments; and it houses the 180 cutters employed by the plant. The approximate dimensions of the building are 35 m. long and 15 m. wide.
3. Masonry building with 2 rows of windows and a slate roof in which uniforms and underclothes are made. It is equipped with 400 sewing and trimming machines operated by 500 employees. The building is approximately 60 m. long and 20 m. wide.
4. Masonry building with 2 rows of windows and a slate roof. On the ground floor garments are inspected by acceptance commissions, made up of Russian officers and civilians, Volkspolizei, and German civilians. The offices for the manager and his staff of 100 are on the second floor.
5. A small single story stone building occupied by Werkschutz personnel.

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